

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for the production of paper comprising adding an anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent and a fixing agent comprising a polymer in which at least N-vinylformamide is a polymerization component and/or a derivative of said polymer to a paper making process to form a paper product,

wherein no acidic rosin emulsion sizing agent is present during said papermaking process.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer derivative is the hydrolysate of said polymer in which at least N-vinylformamide is a polymerization component.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer derivative is the hydrolysate of poly(N-vinylformamide).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 2, wherein said hydrolysate is the product obtained by hydrolysis of the formyl groups in said polymer at a percentage hydrolysis of 10 to 90% of the total formyl groups.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is an oil-proofing agent comprising a compound having a phosphoric acid group or phosphate ester group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A paper product comprising an anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent and a fixing agent comprising polymer in which at least N-vinylformamide is a polymerization component and/or a derivative of said polymer,

wherein no acidic rosin emulsion sizing agent is present in said paper product.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The paper product according to Claim 6, wherein the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is an oil-proofing agent comprising a compound having a phosphoric acid group or phosphate ester group.

Claim 8 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer is a copolymer of 90 to 1 mol% of said N-vinylformamide and 10 to 99 mol% of a monomer copolymerizable therewith.

Claim 9 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer is a copolymer of 95 to 50 mol% of said N-vinylformamide and 5 to 50 mol% of a monomer copolymerizable therewith.

Claim 10 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 8, wherein said copolymer is a graft polymer.

Claim 11 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 8, wherein said copolymer is a block polymer.

Claim 12 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 4, wherein said hydrolysis of the formyl groups in said polymer is at a percentage hydrolysis of 30 to 70% of the total formyl groups.

Claim 13 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is added to said paper making process prior to wet web formation, and in an amount of 0.01 to 10 mass% in terms of dry mass of raw material pulp.

Claim 14 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is added to said paper making process prior to wet web formation, and in an amount of 0.1 to 2 mass% in terms of dry mass of raw material pulp.

Claim 15 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is added during said paper making process following formation of a wet web, and in an amount of from 0.1 to 50 g/m² in terms of dry mass of paper.

Claim 16 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent is added during said paper making process following formation of a wet web, and in an amount of from 1 to 20 g/m² in terms of dry mass of paper.

Claim 17 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein the fixing agent is added in an amount of from 0.01 to 10 times the added amount by solids concentration of the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent.

Claim 18 (New): The method for the production of paper according to Claim 1, wherein the fixing agent is added in an amount of from 0.1 to 2 times the added amount by solids concentration of the anionic fluorine-based oil-proofing agent.